

Remarks/Arguments

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 7, 8, 10, 14, and 20-41 were pending when the Final Office Action of December 28, 2005 was mailed to Application. These claims are cancelled, and claims 42-57 are added. Non-limiting support for new claims 42-57 can be found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. For example, support for “a sequence having at least 95% identity...” in claim 42 can be found at page 7, line 3, of the specification. Thus, no new matter has been entered by way of the instant amendment.

Claims 42-57 are currently pending.

II. Statement of the Substance of the Interview Mailed to Applicants on March 31, 2006

Applicants agree with the Summary of the Interview mailed on March 31, 2006. Applicants also thank the Examiner for this interview.

III. Amendments to the Specification

In the specification, the title has been amended so as to introduce “SCN1A”, the elected gene/locus of the present application. Minor clerical errors have been corrected at page 58, line 15 (rat instead of rate). The objected terminology “at the amino acid level” has been removed as requested by the Examiner (see below). SEQ ID NOs have been added in the description, more particularly in the brief description of the drawings in accordance with the Sequence Listing filed on June 5th, 2005, as requested by the Examiner.

Additional support for ¹⁴C-guanidine in new claim 51 (similar to former claim 35) can be found for example at page 38, line 2. Support for the “hyperexcitability state” in claim 53 can be found for example at page 59, line 10 and page 17, lines 10-21. Support for “epilepsy with febrile seizures” in claim 44 can be found at page 28, line 29; at page 34, line 9; Example 6, page 54, line 24. No new matter has been added.

Applicants acknowledge and thank the Examiner for the addition of Patrick Cossette and David Ragsdale as inventors in the instant application.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of the cancelled claims in further applications.

IV. Sequence Listing

While the Examiner states that the “sequence listings filed between 11/24/00 and 6/24/04 have been re-reviewed and found not to contain any new matter in light of Applicant’s previous explanations,” she raises a new objection under 35 USC 112 for the 2 additional sequence listings filed on January 3, 2005 and June 6, 2005 on the basis that no explanations were provided as to the changes made.

In order to overcome the Examiner’s objection, Applicants submit the following clarifications.

1. The sequence listing filed in January 2005 was believed to be identical to the one filed on June 24, 2004. The latter was filed in response to the Office Action dated December 8, 2004, stating that the computer readable form of the earlier-filed sequence listing was unreadable. Thus, the same sequence listing (already filed on June 24, 2004) was resubmitted.

2. The sequence listing filed in June 2005 corrected some errors that were unfortunately found in the previously submitted sequence listing (see 1, above). Indeed, errors occurred during the transfer of the sequence listing from PatentIn Version 2.1 to Version 3.1. The content of the sequence listing filed in June 2005 is thus identical to that filed in January 2005 except that SEQ ID NOs:400-408 were renumbered in order to bring them in line with the sequence listing that was originally filed.

Again, Applicants truly apologize for the confusion relating to the Sequence Listing in the instant case, and believe that everything relating thereto is in order.

In addition, as alluded to above, the Applicants have amended the specification to include sequence identifies as requested by the Examiner.

V. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 132(a) are Overcome

It is alleged that the corrections made at pages 6 and 58 to recite “at the amino acid level” in the amendment of September 17, 2004 introduce new matter.

Applicants disagree with this rejection. However, in view of accelerating the prosecution, the terminology “at the amino acid level,” at pages 6 and 58, has been removed. Applicants believe that this rejection has thus been overcome. Applicants submit that this removal should in no way be considered an admission that this clarification was indeed new matter.

VI. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112 Second Paragraph are Overcome

Claims 7, 8, 10, 14, and 20-41 are found indefinite by the Examiner as she finds unclear whether the claims refer to a compositions or methods.

Applicants disagree with these rejections. However, in an effort to further prosecution, Applicants have cancelled claims 7, 8, 10, 14 and 20-41. In addition the newly presented claims no longer include the terminology “providing a screening assay.”

In addition, the Examiner’s objection to claim 39 has been rendered moot by the cancellation thereof and the absence of the terminology “blocker” in the newly presented claims.

In view of the above and foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw her rejection of claims 7, 8, 10, 14, 20, and 20-41 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

VII. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112 First Paragraph are Overcome

A. Written Description

The Action rejects claims 20-23 under 35 USC 112 first paragraph for failing to comply with the written description requirement. It is alleged by the Action that these claims contain new subject matter because the claims recite SEQ ID NOs which are assumed to have been changed in the sequence listings filed in January 2005 and June 2005. Applicants disagree. However, as requested by the Action, Applicants have provided an explanation that indicate that the changes made in these sequence listings are fully supported by the originally filed disclosure dated December 24, 2000. Thus, it should be apparent by the explanation given above that no new matter is present in claims 20-23.

Claims 33-38 are also rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph for lack of written description. It is alleged that the terminology “time course of recovery from inactivation” found in claims 33 and 34 as well as the expression “radiolabeled guanidine” in claims 35 and 37 find no support in the description. Applicants disagree. Additionally, in view of the cancellation of claims 33 and 34 and of the replacement of “radiolabeled guanidine” by “¹⁴C guanidine” in new claim 51, Applicants submit that the above new matter rejection has been overcome.

Claims 7, 8, 10, 14 and 21 are rejected under 35 USC 112 first paragraph for inadequate written description. Applicants disagree. Additionally, in view of the insertion of sequence identifiers in claim 42, Applicants respectfully submits that this rejection has been rendered moot.

B. Enablement

Claims 7, 8, 10, 14, and 20-41 have also been rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as allegedly not being enabled for methods of treating “any type of epilepsy” for “selecting a compound for treating”, “any human SCN1A”. Applicants disagree. The Examiner does agree that the specification is enabling for screening assays comprising composition comprising SEQ ID NO:3 or 4, assaying the activity of a sodium ion channel and selecting a compound that reduces the activity of the sodium ion channel. In view of the amendment to the claims to remove the treatment/therapeutic terminology, the removal of the terminology “neurological disorders” and the insertion of sequence identifiers in claim 42, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections of claims 7, 8, 10, 14, and 20-41 for a lack of enablement have been overcome.

The newly presented claims, also encompass SCN1A sequences which are highly homologous to those recited in the claimed sequence identifiers (“at least 95%...”). Applicants wish to state that at the time of filing the present application, in view of the teachings thereof and of common general knowledge, functional variants of human SCN1A sodium ion channels as encompassed by (iii) in claim 42, were enabled. Applicants submit a Declaration from Dr. Guy Rouleau, an inventor of the present invention, for support (see Exhibit 1). In view of the above, the foregoing and of the accompanying Declaration, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraws her rejection for lack of enablement.

Applicants also wish to comment on the Examiner’s statement at page 20 that:

The fact that these mutations are found in some patients with epilepsy but not in controls indicates that these mutations may be associated in some way with epilepsy, however such analysis does not indicate which specific role in SCN1A activity, such mutations affect, or if they alter SCN1A activity in any way.”

Final Office Action at 20 (underline added).

Applicants respectfully disagree. The fact that the identification of mutations in SCN1A and their association with epilepsy are statistically significant by definition means that SCN1A activity is involved in epilepsy.

In view of the above and foregoing, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraws her rejections of the pending claims under 35 USC 112, first paragraph for lack of enablement or lack of written description.

VIII. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) are Overcome

Claims 8, 10, 14, 20, 21, 23-30, 32 and 41 have been rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Malo and Denyer. The Examiner states “the claims have been broadly interpreted to encompass fragments of SCN1A.”

Applicants disagree with the rejections. Applicants agree with the Examiner that Malo does not teach the full length sequences of the present invention or the use of SCN1A proteins for screening compounds that reduce the activity of a human SCN1A channel. Malo teaches a partial sequence of SCN1A. In view of the recitation of claim 42, the partial sequence of Malo is not encompassed by the claim.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the obviousness rejection has been rendered moot. Applicants submit that Denyer does not correct the defect of Malo’s partial sequence in its teachings of a use of assays on voltage gated ion channels.

Applicants request that the Examiner withdraws the rejection of claims 8, 10, 14, 20, 21, 23-30, 32 and 41 under 35 USC 103(a).

IX. Conclusions

In view of the pioneering nature of the invention, of the general knowledge of the state of the art and of the above and foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw all of the pending rejections and allow the present claims to proceed to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael R. Krawzsenek". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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EXHIBIT 1
(Declaration of Guy Rouleau)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No. : 09/718,355 Examiner : Jehanne Sitton
Filed : 11/24/2000
Title : LOCI FOR IDIOPATHIC GENERALIZED EPILEPSY, MUTATIONS
THEREOF AND METHOD USING SAME TO ASSESS, DIAGNOSE,
PROGNOSE OR TREAT EPILEPSY

Mail Stop amendment
Commissioner of Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 OF GUY ROULEAU TRAVERSING
GROUNDS OF REJECTION.

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 and regarding the rejection of claims 33-55, I declare:

1. PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

1.1 I, Guy Rouleau, am a researcher and an inventor of the subject matter described and claimed in the above-captioned patent application.

1.2 I am a citizen of Canada, presently residing at 3587 Marlowe, Montréal, Québec, Canada H4A 3L8.

1.3 I received my MD degree (Magna Cum Laude) at the University of Ottawa in 1980 and obtained my Ph.D. (thesis title: Genetic Analysis of Neurofibromatosis Type 2) from Harvard University in Genetics in 1989. Through my education I was also involved in clinical work between 1980-1989 and in research between 1984-1989. In addition, I have been involved in research as early as 1977 and intensively for more than 21 years (1984-present). In particular, since 1989 I have been investigating the genetic basis of human brain tumours, human degenerative diseases and psychiatric illnesses.

1.4 I currently hold the following positions: (1) Tenure Professor in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Montréal, (2) Adjunct Professor in the Department of Human Genetics at McGill University, and (3) Chair of Canada's Research Chair in Genetics of the Nervous System at the University of Montréal. In addition, I am certified as a specialist of neurology of Québec (1985), a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Canada (1985), and as a specialist of genetics of Québec (1993).

1.6 I have published over 310 peer-reviewed scientific articles in various prestigious journals including: Cell (1), Nature (5), Nature Genetics (12), Science (1), Genomics (28), Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. (1), Nucl. Acids Res. (8), Am. J. Hum. Genet. (27), Hum. Mol. Genet. (23) and Am. J. Med. Genet. (20), as well as a list of Review Articles, Book Chapters and Presentations as Guest Speaker.

1.7 I have received a number of Honors and Awards, including the Jean-Jacques Lussier Award for the highest standing over the four years of Medical School (1980), The Scientist of the Year Award from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (1993), and the Michael Smith Award from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (2000).

1.8 Please refer to the copy of my *curriculum vitae* in **Appendix A** for more details. Accordingly, I consider that I am well-qualified and sufficiently knowledgeable to comment on neurological diseases such as epilepsy, the genetics of epilepsy and methods of molecular cloning and functional variant analysis of sodium channels.

2. OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 28, 2005

2.1 I have analyzed the final rejection issued by the USPTO for the above-captioned patent application with pending claims 7, 8, 10, 14, and 20-41 directed to screening assays for compounds which reduce the activity of human SCN1A sodium channel. I am a named inventor on the patent application and confirm that I have read and understood the patent application.

2.2 I have also been informed that, based on a telephone interview with the Examiner on March 23, 2006, in which I did not take part, that the Examiner will not allow any forms of variants but plans to restrict the pending claims to the specific sequences disclosed in SEQ ID NOs. 3 and 4, (representing the adult and neonatal forms of the SCN1A protein).

2.3 I intend to provide comments and opinions to demonstrate that a person skilled in the art could, in view of the instant patent application and common general knowledge at the time the patent application was filed, identify functional variants of human SCN1A sodium channels that could be used in accordance with the claimed invention, without recourse to undue experimentation.

3. THE ANALYSIS

3.1 Common general knowledge at the time the application was filed

The human SCN1A sodium channel (as well as other sodium channels) is well-characterized, which allows for the analysis and assessment, both *in silico* and experimental, of the properties of its variants. Inventive steps, such as were necessary for the identification of the items disclosed and claimed in the present invention, would not be required, or undue experimentation needed now, to identify functional variants of this channel to be used as proposed in the patent application. I claim that the common general knowledge on the genetics and biology of sodium channels (regarding conserved domains, sequence alignments, crystallographic structural details, functional assays, etc) at the time of filing of this patent application is sufficient to identify such variants, thus not constituting an invention in itself, but rather a regular experimental approach readily available to persons skilled in the art.

For example, the state of the art can be acknowledged by considering references shown in **Appendix B** [all published prior to Nov 24, 1999]. These references testify to the fact that at the time of filing our provisional patent application, a wealth of information regarding the structure and function of sodium channels was known. In

particular, functionally critical domains and residues had already been identified and widely published for several of these channels, including the SCN1A channel.

In addition, protein sequence alignments of the human SCN1A, SCN2A and SCN3A proteins of the present invention, along with human SCN4A, SCN5A, SCN6A, SCN8A, SCN9A and SCN10A protein sequences that were available prior to filing the provisional patent application in 1999 (**Appendix C**) demonstrate the high level of sequence conservation of the different sodium channel proteins. This high level of conservation allowed us to base the intron/exon structures of the SCN1A, SCN2A and SCN3A genes on that of the SCN4A gene, which at the time was the only sodium channel alpha subunit gene with a published intron/exon structure. More importantly, the high level of sequence conservation allows the skilled artisan cognizant of the sequences of SCN1A, SCN2A and SCN3A to predict functionally critical residues and domains that have been conserved between the different human paralogs of sodium channel alpha subunit proteins.

3.2 Structure/function relationships of sodium channels

A first approach would require the commonly used analysis and comparison of conserved functional domains amongst sodium channels, based on the knowledge available at the time of filing of this application. Functional insights can easily be gained from the perusal of such sequence alignments (**Appendix C**), thus allowing the prediction of an effect on channel function by any given sequence variant. Variants lying within highly conserved domains (see for examples domains I-S6, III-S5 and IV-S6 of **Appendix C**), such as transmembrane sequences involved in channel gating and ion currents are obviously predicted to have deleterious effect on the function of the channel, and can be tested as described below (section 3.3).

Of note, the mutations identified in the present invention map to regions of particular importance in the SCNXA proteins. The Examiner is also referred to the application itself, and in particular to Examples 3, 4, and 5, which teach for example at page 52, starting at line 15:

“(2) Ser1773Tyr; normal: ATC ATA ToC TTC CTG, patient R9049 (affected with IGE): ATC ATA TmC TTC CTG (TCC>TAC). This mutation is in the middle of IV-S6 TM domain; found in 1/70 IGE patients, and 0/150 control subjects tested. This mutation is interesting from a biological point of view for a number of reasons. First, this region of SCN gene (IV-S6) has been found to play a critical role in fast inactivation of the SCN, by mutagenesis experiments in rat SCN (McPhee et al., 1998). This is highly relevant for pathophysiology of epilepsy, since this may increase neuronal hyperexcitability. Moreover, in patients with GEFs, a mutation has been found in the SCN1 subunit, causing impairment of the fast inactivation of the SCN (Wallace et al, 1999). Finally, many of the antiepileptic drugs (e.g. phenytoin, carbamazepine) primarily act by reducing the repetitive firing of neuron, which also involves fast inactivation of the SCN.” [emphasis added]

and at page 53, starting at line 15:

“(2) Leu1768Val, in individuals R8197, R9062 and R9822 (all IGE patients) (found in 3/70 IGE patients and 0/65 control subjects). The mutations is in the IV-S6 component of the sodium channel, which is important in the inactivation of the channel (see above for more detail)” [emphasis added]

Of particular note for the Ser1773Tyr mutation was an article published in 1994 by Ragsdale *et al.*, and co-inventor on the corresponding divisional application 10/664,603 (Science 265:1724-1728), in which scanning alanine mutagenesis was used to determine functionally important residues in the IV-S6 domain of the rat SCN2A channel. The sequence conservation is such that both the human and rat SCN1A and SCN2A proteins have identical amino acid sequences for the IV-S6 domain (and the SCN3A protein has only 1 amino acid that is different, see **Appendix C**), allowing extrapolation of functional data from one channel to the other. These researchers identified Phe1764 and Tyr1771 in SCN2A as critically important in modulation of the channel inhibition by the local anesthetic etidocaine, and proposed that these hydrophobic aromatic residues were located in the ion-conducting pore. The Ser1773Tyr mutation in SCN1A identified in an epileptic patient, which is located 1 amino acid N-terminal to the critically important Phe residue mentioned above, would thus be predicted to introduce a

third large hydrophobic aromatic residue within the ion conducting pore and lead to disrupted gating.

3.3 Sodium channel functional assays

The impact of a variant on channel function can be directly assessed using common laboratory techniques, such as the introduction of the sequence variant by site-directed mutagenesis into the cDNA sequence of a cloned sodium channel, followed by functional assays of the channel's properties. Several publications in **Appendix C** use this type of standard analysis to determine the functional significance of conserved residues.

As known in the art, several methods can be used to analyze the structure-function relationship of the variants. For example, one can base this analysis on the over-expression of the variant-bearing cDNAs in either mammalian cells or *Xenopus* oocytes, which allow for the performance of a wide range of channel activity assays, including the methods described and/or enabled in the application and claimed (gating properties, sodium currents, sub-cellular localization, expression levels and processing, post-translational modifications, binding properties, etc). All these are techniques that are well-established and do not, *per se*, constitute an inventive step nor require undue experimentation. Any person skilled in the art could, therefore, use the above-mentioned methods in conjunction with the current general knowledge on sodium channels to predict/determine the functionality of variants, as proposed in the pending claims.

It is noteworthy that Example 6 shows one embodiment of how such structure-function analysis can be carried-out. A residue suspected of being important for function is chosen (D188 in SCN1A, for example). Its location in the protein and its conservation "This amino acid is conserved in all sodium channels thus far identified, in all species" (page 55, line 15), reinforces its importance. This residue is also associated with an epilepsy phenotype in an Australian family (mutation D188V). The D188V mutation was thus introduced in rat SCN1A and an oocyte assay used to determine sodium channel function.

"The amplitude of the currents was dramatically reduced for the mutant. Also, a small shift in the inactivation curve was observed for the mutant, as compared to the wild-type. Taken together, these preliminary results confirm a functional effect of D188V mutation on SCN1A gene. (more detail below)" (page 56, lines 2-6)

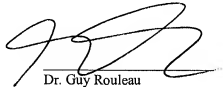
The Examiner is also referred to Example 7, which lists numerous other methods and references concerning "Further validation of the role of SCN1A, SCN2A, SCN3A, and specific mutations thereof in IGE and epilepsy in general".

In conclusion, it is my opinion that the identification of variants of the claimed sequences, and a prediction/assessment of their functionality, would not require any inventive step or undue experimentation. We are thus entitled to the variant language found in the pending claims. The teachings contained within the instant patent application combined with the current general knowledge on sodium channels at the time of filing of this application is respectfully submitted to be sufficient to identify such variants without undue experimentation or further invention.

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 All statements of my own knowledge made herein are true and all statements based upon information and belief are believed to be true; furthermore, these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

22/1/07
Date


Dr. Guy Rouleau

APPENDIX A

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Education

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University of Ottawa (Magna Cum Laude)	Medicine	M.D.	1976-1980
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Graduate

Harvard University	Genetics	Ph.D.	1985-1989
Thesis topic: Genetic Analysis of Neurofibromatosis Type 2			

Post-GraduateResearch

Montreal Neurol. Institute	Neuroscience	1984-1985
Massachusetts General Hospital	Neuroscience	1985-1989

Clinical

Montreal General Hospital	Internal Medicine	1980-1982
Montreal Neurological Hospital McGill University	Neurology residency	1982-1985
Massachusetts General Hospital	Clinical and Research Fellow, Neurology	1985-1989

Professional Certification

Certificat de Spécialiste au Québec (Neurologie)	1985
Certified as a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Canada (Neurology)	1985
Certificat de Spécialiste au Québec (Génétique)	1995

Appointments

CHU Sainte-Justine Research Centre	Director	2006-present
Université de Montréal Health Center	Scientific Adjunct Director – Basic research	2005-present
Université de Montréal		
Department of Medicine	Tenured Professor	2004-present
Centre for the Study of Brain Diseases	Creator and Director	2004-present
Canada Research Chair in Genetics of the Nervous System	Chairholder	2004-present

McGill University

Dept. of Human Genetics	Adjunct Professor	2004-present
Dept. of Neurology and Neurosurgery	Professor	1999-2004
Dept. of Neurology and Neurosurgery	Associate Professor	1995-1999
Dept. of Neurology and Neurosurgery	Assistant Professor	1989-1995
Department of Medicine	Professor	1999-2004
Department of Medicine	Associate Professor	1995-1999
Department of Medicine	Assistant Professor	1989-1995
Department of Psychiatry	Cross appointment	1998-Present
Department of Biology	Cross appointment	1992-Present
Department of Human Genetics	Cross appointment	1994-Present
Graham Boeckh Chair for Schizophrenia Research		1998-2004

Special Honours, Awards, Recognition

Year	Name or type	Awarded by
1974	Entrance Scholarship	University of Ottawa
1980	Jean-Jacques Lussier award for highest standing over the four years of medical school.	University of Ottawa
1987	Barbeau Memorial Prize for research in Neuroscience.	Canadian Neurological Society
1993	Scientist of the Year	Société Radio-Canada
1994	Un des Grands de l'année	Magazine l'Actualité
1999	Prix Leo-Parizeau.	Association Canadienne-Française pour l'Avancement de la Science (ACFAS)
2000	Michael Smith Award	Canadian Institutes of Health Research
2000	Award for Professionalism	University of Ottawa, Faculty of Medicine

2000	Prix d'excellence en recherche Merck Frosst	Département de médecine, CUSM
2002	Personnalité de la semaine	La Presse
2005	Prix d'excellence	Département de médecine, UDM

Other Contributions

Journals

Editorial Board

Neurology of Disease	1993 - Present
Canadian Journal of Neurological Sciences	1998 - Present
Annal of Human Genetics	2000 - Present

Ad hoc reviews

Neurology
 New England Journal of Medicine
 Genomics
 American Journal of Human Genetics
 Genes, Chromosomes and Cancer
 Human Molecular Genetics
 Lancet
 Neuropsychiatric Genetics
 Nature Genetics
 Nature
 JAMA
 Bulletin of the Centre of Excellence for Early Childhood Development

Grant Reviews

Panel Member

Medical Research Council, Genetics Committee	1991-1994.
Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association of America	1993.
National Neurofibromatosis Foundation,	1995-Pres.
Visite d'évaluation de l'Hôpital St-Luc pour le FRSQ	le 6 février 1996
National Cancer Institute of Canada, Panel B	1997-2000.
National Institute for Health, Ad hoc panels (USA)	1996-Pres.
Canadian Psychiatric Research Foundation,	1999-Pres.
Canadian Institutes of Health Research:	
Scientific Officer, Genetics Committee,	2000-2003

Chairperson, Genetics Committee,	2003
Pfizer CardioVascular Research Awards	
Member of the review committee	2006

Ad hoc reviews

Medical Research Council
 Cancer Research Society of Canada
 Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada
 Motor Neurone Disease Association (UK)
 ALS Society of Canada
 National Institutes of Health

Professional and/or Learned societies

Meeting Organizer

Second International Workshop on Chromosome 22 Montebello, Quebec (First Chromosome Specific Workshop held in Canada)	1991
First International Workshop on Oculopharyngeal Muscular Dystrophy, Quebec, Quebec	1995
Co-organizer Annual Montreal Neurology meeting, May 29-June 1	1997
6 th Journées génétiques of the Réseau de médecine génétique Appliquée of the Fonds de recherche en santé du Québec, Montreal	2006
Member of the supervisory committee International Society of Adolescent Psychiatry and Psychology, Montréal, July	2007

Examination boards

Vice President, Jury d'examination, Certificat de Spécialiste en Neurologie, Province de Québec.	1991-Present
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Membership

Scientific Advisory Board, Généthron, Evry France	1991-Present
Medical and Research Advisory Board of the National Ataxia Foundation	1991-Present
Member of Human Genome Organization	1992-Present

Member Programme Committee for Genetics and Cell Biology of the Motor Neuron; Third MNDA Sponsored International Conference on MND/ALS	1992
Member of the Institute of Mental Health Research University of Ottawa, Royal Ottawa Hospital	1992-Present
Scientific Advisory Board, Fondation Jean Dausset - CEPH	1998-Present
Member of Scientific Advisory Board of the Centre for Applied Genomics, Hospital for Sick Children	1999-Present
Director of Réseau de Médecine Génétique Avancée - FRSQ	2004-Present
Member of Science Advisory Council (SAC), Neuroscience Canada	2005-present
Member of the Canadian Genomic Mission to Denmark	May 2005
Member of the Advisory Board Canadian Association for Familial Ataxia	2005-Present
Member of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences	2006-Present

Industrial linkages

Biocapital Inc (Venture Capital fund)

Scientific Advisory Board	1995-2000
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RGS Genome

Founder in 1997

Director and Secretary-Treasurer till it's acquisition in Nov. 2000

Xenon Genetics Research Inc. (continuation of RGS Genome Inc. after it's acquisition)

President and Director	2000-2003
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Xenon Genetics Inc.

Director	2000-2003
Team Leader for Neuroscience	2000-2003

Conception and organisation of the spin off Emerillon Therapeutics Inc: 2002-2003

Emerillon Therapeutics Inc.

President and Director 2003-Present

Chief Scientific Officer 2003-Present

Bioaxone Inc.

Director 2006-Present

Ad Hoc reviewer for numerous Venture Capital Funds

Research activities

- 1977 Four months summer studentship from the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada to study CPK in the mitochondria of muscle and brown fat of rats.
- 1984-85 One year investigating the effects of Glucocorticoids on the skeletal muscle of rats.
- 1985-89 Investigation of neurofibromatosis using molecular biological techniques in the neurogenetics laboratory of the Massachusetts General Hospital.
- 1989-Present Investigation of the genetic basis of human brain tumours, human neurodegenerative diseases and psychiatric illnesses.

Supervision

Master Student

Caroline Fournier	Genetic studies of vascular disease	1996-2000
Sean Hayes	Genetic investigation of spinocerebellar ataxia	1996-1999
Faith Au-Yeung	Characterization of the CAG Alanine tract	2002-2005
Linh-An Tuong	Characterization of the CAG Alanine tract	2004-2006
Rob Gillis	Identification of genes associated with autism	2005-
Samar Khoury	Genetic risk factors and sleep disorders in patients with head trauma	2005-
Shawn Stochmanski	Frameshifting in CAG repeat (MGD-3)	2006-

PhD Student

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- CIHR: PI: Molecular genetic characterization of HSN1I; \$100,000; Oct05/Mar06
- TSA(USA): PI: Identification of genes predisposing to TS in the French-Canadian population; \$75,500; Apr05/Mar06
- NIH(USA): Co-PI: Familial Intracranial Aneurysm Study; \$104,241; Aug02/Jul05
- RIMUHC: PI: Study of environmental, lifestyle, medical, family history, and genetic factors involved in Parkinson's disease in the Quebec population; \$15,000; Jan05/Dec05
- Heart and Stroke: PI :
- NIH(USA): PI: Etiology of Restless Syndrome, a sleep disorder. US\$497,243; Aug99-Jul02
- MDA(USA): PI: Investigation of the pathogenesis of Oculopharyngeal Muscular Dystrophy (OPMD). US\$300,000; Jul02/Jun05
- MDA(USA): PI: Identification of a new gene for autosomal dominant familial amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. US\$330,000; Jan02-Dec04
- CGDN: PI: Mapping and identification of a gene for a unique form of pure autosomal recessive ataxia in the Beauce region of Quebec. \$84,630; Sep03/Aug05
- Pharmacia (Pfizer): PI: Biobank. \$4,000,000 Aug00/Feb05
- RLS Association: PI: Dissecting genes involved in Restless Legs Syndrome in French-Canadian population with elevated prevalence; 30,000US\$; Jul03/Jun05
- CIHR: PI: Autism. 2000-2003 240,000\$
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- Bristol-Meyers-Squibb. PI: Genetic studies of Acute Side Effects associated with metalloproteinase inhibitor. \$160,000; Jan01/Dec02
- ALSA (USA). PI: Generation of mALS2CR6 KO mice. US\$66,105; Jan01/Dec03
- National Ataxia Foundation. PI: Genetics of recessive ataxia. US\$34,000 Jan02/Dec02
- Tourette Syndrome Association (USA); PI: Use of the French-Canadian population for the identification of genes

predisposing to Tourette Syndrome. US\$75,000; Apr02/Mar03

APPENDIX B

Appendix B - Bibliography

A selection of publications relevant to the structure and function of sodium channel domains or particular amino acid residues.

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APPENDIX C

Appendix C - Alignments

Sequence alignment of human sodium channel alpha subunits available prior to submission of the provisional patent application in November 1999 (see below) and priority using *ClustalW*. Conserved TM domains are indicated with <<< >>> symbols. The location of Ser1773Tyr mutation in SCN1A is indicated with #.

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